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Original Poetry.

A DREAM.

Written for the Middletown Transcript

BY DE SCLLE.

I dreamed last night a pleasant dream,
Its sweetness haunts me still;
And all my lonely life, it seems
With cheering rays to fill.

No more I sang, no one to love,
No more none to caress—
For one there was, a gentle dove,
On whom, with tenderness,

My looks were bent, and round whose form
My arms did fondly twine.
Her upward glances, bright as morn,
Blent lovingly with mine.

She leaned her head upon my breast,
And all her sunny hair
Flowed o'er my shoulders—oh! how blest
To have my loved one there.

Her heart beat softly, and her eyes
Shone with that precious light,
Which e'er betrays how much they're prized,
Who see the blessed sight.

We looked of love none knows how much,
And none can ever know.
Our present joy and peace were such,
Earth seemed a Heaven below.

No words were needed to convey
Her thoughts to me, I knew,
By her dear speaking eyes, my bliss
At length was deep and true.

But I awoke and from such bliss,
I came to pain once more;
To feel I had no joy like this,
My vision sweet was o'er.

Still I will hope, and, in my life,
If ne'er my waking hours
Are blessed with joys like this I'll find
Them still in slumber's bowers.

Philadelphia, Dec. 1869.

A Thrilling Narrative.

IN THE MOUNTAINS.

In the fall of 1836 I was travelling eastward in a stage coach from Pittsburg, over the mountains. My fellow travellers were two gentlemen and a lady. The oldest gentleman's appearance interested me exceedingly. In years, he seemed about fifty; in air and manner he was calm, dignified and polished, and the contour of his features was singularly intellectual. He conversed freely on different topics, until the road became more abrupt and precipitous; but on my directing his attention to the great altitude of a precipice, on the verge of which our coach wheels were leisurely rolling, there came a marked change in his countenance. His eyes lately filled with the light of intelligence, became wild, restless and anxious—the mouth twitched spasmodically, and the forehead was beaded with a cold perspiration. With a sharp, convulsive shudder, he turned his gaze from the giddy height, and clutching my arm tightly with both hands he clung to me like a drowning man.

"Use this cologne," said the lady, handing me a bottle with the instinctive goodness of her sex.

I sprinkled a little on his face, and he became more composed; but it was not until we had entirely traversed the mountain, and descended into the country beneath, that his fine features relaxed from their perturbed look, and assumed the dignity I had at first noticed.

"I owe an apology to the lady," said he, with a bland smile, and a gentle inclination of the head, to our fair companion, "and some explanation to my fellow travellers also; and perhaps I cannot better acquit myself of the double debt than by recounting the cause of my recent agitation."

"It may pain your feelings," delicately urged the lady.

"On the contrary, it will relieve them," was the respectful reply.

"At the age of eighteen I was light of heart, and I fear (he smiled) light of head. A fine property on the banks of the Ohio acknowledged me sole owner. I was hastening home to enjoy it, and delighted to get free from college life.

"The month was October, the air bracing, and the mode of conveyance, a stage like this, only more cumbrous. The other passengers were few—only three in all—one old, gray-headed planter of Louisiana, his daughter, a joyous, bewitching creature, about seventeen, and his son, about ten years of age.

"They had just returned from France, of which country, the young lady discoursed in terms so eloquent as to absorb my entire attention.

The father was taciturn, but the daughter was vivacious by nature, and we soon became so mutually pleased with each other that it was not until a sudden flash of lightning and a heavy dash of rain against the window elicited an exclamation from my charming companion, that I knew how the night passed. Presently there came a low, rumbling sound, and then several tremendous peals of thunder, accompanied by successive flashes of lightning. The rain descended in torrents, and an angry wind began to howl and moan through the forrest trees.

"I looked from the window of our vehicle. The night was dark as ebony, but the lightning showed the danger of our road. We were on the edge of a fearful precipice. I could see at intervals, huge, jutting rocks, far away down its side, and the sight made me solicitous for my fair companion. I thought of the mere hair breadths that were between us and eternity; a single little rock in the track of our coach wheels, a tiny billet of wood, a stray root of a tempest-torn tree, restive horses, or a careless driver—any of these might hurl us from our sublunary existence with the speed of thought.

"'Tis a perfect tempest," observed the lady, as I withdrew my head from the window.

"How I do love a sudden storm! There is something grand about the winds when loose among the hills. I never encountered a night like this, but Byron's magnificent description of a thunder storm in the Lura, recurs to my mind. But are we on the mountains yet?"

"Yes, we have begun the ascent."

"Is it said to be dangerous?"

"By no means," I replied, in as easy a tone as I could assume.

"I only wish it was daylight, so that we might enjoy the mountain scenery. But what's that?" and she covered her eyes from a sheet of lightning that illuminated the rugged mountain with brilliant intensity.

"Peal after peal of thunder instantly succeeded; there was a very volume of rain coming down at each thunder burst, and with a deep moaning as of an animal in dreadful agony, breaking upon our ears, I found that the coach had come to a dead halt.

"Louise, my beautiful fellow traveller, became as pale as ashes. She fixed her eyes on mine with a look of anxious dread, and turning to her father, she hurriedly remarked:

"We are on the mountains!"

"I reckon we are," was the unconcerned reply.

"With instinctive activity, I put my head through the window and called to the driver, but the only answer was the moaning of an animal, borne past me by the swift wind of the tempest. I seized the handle of the door and strained in vain—it would not yield. At that instant I felt a cold hand in mine, and heard Louise faintly articulate in my ear the following appalling words:

"The coach is moving backwards."

"Never shall I forget the fierce agony in which I tugged at the coach door, and called on the driver in tones that rivalled the fierce blast of the tempest whilst the conviction was burning in my brain that the coach was being slowly moved backwards!

"What followed was of such swift occurrence that it seemed to me like a frightful dream.

I rushed against the door with all my force, but it withstood my utmost efforts. One side of our vehicle was sensibly going down, down, down! The moaning of the agonized animal became deeper and I knew from his desperate plunges that it was one of our horses. Crash upon crash of thunder rolled over the mountain, and vivid flashes of lightning played over our heads. By its light I could see, for a moment, the old planter, standing erect, with his hands on his son and daughter, his eyes raised to heaven, and his lips moving as if in prayer. I could see Louise turn her ashy cheek towards me, as if imploring assistance; and I could see the bold glance of the boy flashing indignant defiance at the war of elements, and the awful danger that awaited him. There was a roll, a desperate plunge, a harsh, grating jar, a sharp, piercing scream of mortal terror, and I had but time to clasp Louise firmly with one hand round her waist, and seize the fastenings attached to the coach roof with the other, when we were precipitated over the precipice!

"I can distinctly recollect preserving consciousness for a few seconds of time, how rapidly my breath was being exhausted, but of that tremendous descent I soon lost all further knowledge, by a concussion so violent that I was instantly deprived of all sense and motion."

The traveller paused. His features worked for a minute or two, as they did when we were on the mountain; he passed his hand across his forehead, as if in pain, and then resumed his thrilling narrative:

"On a low couch in an humble room of a small country house, I next opened my eyes in this world of light and shade, joy and sorrow, mirth and madness. Gentle hands smoothed my pillow, gentle feet glided across my chamber, and a gentle voice for a long time hushed all my questionings. I was kindly tended by a fair young girl of sixteen, who refused for a while to hold any discourse with me. At length, one morning, finding myself sufficiently recovered to sit up, I insisted on knowing the result of the accident."

"You were discovered," she said, "sitting on the ledge of rocks, amidst the branches of a shattered tree, clinging to the roof of your broken coach with one hand, and the insensible form of a lady in the other."

"And the lady?" I gasped, scanning the girl's face with an earnestness that made her draw back and blush,

"She was saved, sir, by the same means that saved you—a friendly tree."

"And her father and brother!" I impatiently demanded.

"We found both crushed to death at the bottom of the precipice, and we buried them both in one grave by the clover patch, down in our meadow."

"Poor Louise! poor orphan! God pity you!" I muttered in broken tones, utterly unconscious that I had a listener.

"God pity her, indeed, sir," she said, with a gush of heartfelt sympathy, "Would you like to see her?"

"I found her bathed in tears for her kindred, and she received me with sorrowful sweetness of manner. I need not detain you by describing the efforts I made to soothe her grief, but acquaint you with the fact that I succeeded at last, and in twelve months after the dreadful occurrence which I have related we stood at the altar as man and wife. She still lives to bless me with her smiles; but on the anniversary of that terrible night she secludes herself in her room, and devotes the hours of darkness to solitary prayer.

"As for me," said the traveller, while a faint blush tinged his noble brow, "as for me, that accident has reduced me to the condition of a physical coward at the sight of a mountain precipice."

"But the driver asked the lady passenger, who had listened to this story with much attention, "what became of the driver, and did you learn the reason of his deserting his post?"

"His body was found on the road, within a few steps of the place where the coach went over. He had been struck dead by the same flash of lightning that blinded the restive horses."

And thus ended this thrilling and remarkable story of real life.

For the Middletown Transcript.

WHAT IS AN OLD MAID?

The writer of this, seeing what dread the young ladies of the present day have of being "Old Maids," respectfully dedicates these few lines, not only to the ladies of Middletown, but all who are about to wed for a "Home or a Husband."

A.

Never be afraid of becoming an old maid, fair reador. An old maid is far more honorable than a heartless wife: and "single blessedness" is greatly superior, in point of happiness, to wedded life without love. "Fall not in love, dear girls—beware!" says the song. But we do not agree with said song on this question. On the contrary, we hold that it is a good thing to fall in love, or get in love, if the object be a worthy one. To fall in love with an honorable man is as proper as it is for an honorable man to fall in love with a virtuous and amiable woman; and what could be a more gratifying spectacle than a sight so pure, so approaching, in its devotion, to the celestial? No; fall in love as soon as you like, provided it be with a suitable person. Fall in love, and then marry; but never marry unless you do love. That's the great point. Never marry for a "home" or a "husband." Never degrade yourself by becoming a party to such an alliance. Never sell yourself, body and soul, on terms so contemptible. Love dignifies all things; it ennobles all conditions. With love, the marriage rite is truly a sacrament. Without it, the ceremony is a base fraud, and the act a human desecration. Marry for love, or not at all. Be "an old maid," if fortune throws not in your way the man of your heart: and, though the witless may sneer and the jester may laugh, you still have your reward in an approving peaceful life. For well-to-do old bachelors we have no sympathy. They ought to be taxed nine-tenths of all they are worth to support women and children.

The Jefferson Cheese.

The last number of Littell's Living Age contains an interesting article of Elihu Burritt's from The Gentlemen's Magazine, on the great cheese which the people of Cheshire, Massachusetts, made for Thomas Jefferson. Elder John Leland was a great pulpit politician in those days and preached to the people of Cheshire such stirring Jeffersonian Democracy, that for generations they never voted any thing but a straight Democratic ticket. When Jefferson was chosen President after a contest of tremendous excitement, Elder John Leland proposed that his flock should celebrate the victory by making for the Chief Magistrate the biggest cheese the world had ever seen. Every man and woman who owned a cow was to give for this cheese all the milk yielded an a certain day—only no federal cows must contribute a drop.

A huge cider press was fitted up to make it in, and on the appointed day the whole country turned out with their pails and tubs of curd, the girls and women in their best gowns and ribbons, and the men in their Sunday coats and clean shirt collars. The cheese was put to press with prayer and hymn-singing, and a great solemnity. When it was well dried it weighed 1,600 pounds, and as it could not be trusted on wheels, it waited till mid-winter, when it was placed on a sledge and Elder John Leland drove with it all the way to Washington. (There was more snow you see in those times than there is now.) It was a journey of weeks. All the country had heard of the big cheese and came out to look at it as the Elder drove along. When he got to Washington Mr. Jefferson received him in state, made a speech and in the presence of the heads of departments, foreign ministers and other distinguished persons, cut the cheese and served some of it around with bread. Then he sent a wedge of it home to the makers, and when it arrived they also ate it in state. We are further informed that the cheese was very good.

An old miser in Ireland left a will bequeathing "to my sister-in-law, Mary Dennis, four old worsted stockings, which she will find under my bed," to a nephew, two other stockings, to the housekeeper, "for her long and faithful services, my cracked earthen pitcher," and other legacies of the same character to other persons. The legatees were in a high state of wrath, but one of them having kicked down the pitcher, and found it full of guineas, the others examined the stockings, and found them similarly lined.

A man may fleece his sheep, but not his land. The farmer's game is "give and take.

DR. VOELCKER.

Dr. Voelcker, is a man widely known to all the scientific agriculturists of this country and of Europe. He is a German by birth, was the fifth son of Frederick Adolphus Voelcker, a merchant of Frankfort-on-the-Maine, and was born in that city on September 24th, 1823. He lost his father when only eleven years of age, and was educated at a private school in Frankfort; subsequently he entered the University of Gottingen, where he obtained the diploma of Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy.

When a boy, young Voelcker spent all his leisure hours in collecting plants, minerals, insects, and other objects of natural history; as his taste for natural science was greatly promoted by the scientific lectures given in the Botanical Garden at Frankfort. At the age of eighteen years, he had gathered an extensive herbarium, and was familiar with the flora of South Germany: so much was he devoted to the study of botany at that time as to entertain serious thoughts of taking up botany as a profession. During his sojourn at the University of Gottingen, he attended the lectures on mathematics, natural philosophy, mineralogy, geology, botany, vegetable and animal physiology, and chemistry, delivered by the academical professors; but he took a special interest in the pursuit of chemical studies, directed by Professor Wobler, in whose laboratory he worked for several years; and where, when a student, he published several original chemical investigations of a purely scientific character.

In Holland, he made the acquaintance of the late distinguished Professor Johnston, of Durham, and through his influence was invited to Scotland. Here he remained till 1851, when he was appointed chemical professor in the Agricultural College of Cirencester. Subsequently he became consulting chemist to the Royal Agricultural Society of England, which position he now holds.

Dr. Voelecker has published numerous works of great value to science, and is the author of all the chemical articles in Morton's *Cyclopædia of Agriculture*.

His researches on the growth of clover, and his demonstrations of the great value of that crop as a preparation for wheat, have latterly challenged special attention.

The British *Farmers' Magazine* says very truthfully of him.

"No man has ever more happily united science with practice than Dr. Voelcker. His essays and addresses are alike remarkable for the force which they bring to bear upon the subject; as it is not too much to say that he never writes nor speaks without advantage to that interest with which he has become so honorably identified. There is no want of careful forethought ever noticeable in his papers, nor an atom of affectation observable in the simple genial speech with which he inculcates the most valuable principles; and whether we encounter him in the *Journal* of the Society or at the meeting of the Club, we feel that he has honestly earned that distinguished position which he holds in the annals of modern agriculture.

A USEFUL TABLE.—To aid farmers in arriving at accuracy in estimating the amount of land in different fields under cultivation, the following table is given:—

5 yards wide by 968 yards long contains 1 acre.
10 yards wide by 484 yards long contains 1 acre.
20 yards wide by 242 yards long contains 1 acre.
40 yards wide by 121 yards long contains 1 acre.
80 yards wide by 60½ yards long contains 1 acre.
70 yards wide by 69⅓ yards long contains 1 acre.
220 feet wide by 198 feet long contains 1 acre.
440 feet wide by 99 feet long contains 1 acre.
110 feet wide by 369 feet long contains 1 acre.
60 feet wide by 726 feet long contains 1 acre.
120 feet wide by 303 feet long contains 1 acre.
240 feet wide by 181½ feet long contains 1 acre.

WARTS ON HORSES.—A correspondent of the Germantown Telegraph, says he has never known his cure to fail, either on horse or cow—and he has cured some that have been large and bleeding. It is simply to bathe the wart two or three times a week with turpentine and sweet-oil mixed, until a cure is effected.

MOLES.—Mrs. E. Oakes Smith says:—"Plant the Castor Bean (*palma christi*) about the premises, and the moles will disappear. I took the hint from an old astrological work which once belonged to Cotton Mather, of witchcraft memory. It is an effectual remedy, and besides, the plant is highly ornamental.

CHARADE.—The first is seen in winter time, the second all the year we wear; and with the whole, in northern clime, they hunt the moose and polar bear.

A magistrate, censuring some boys for loitering in the streets, asked: "If everybody was to stand in the streets, how could anybody get along?"

A little boy out in the country was asked if he knew where liars went, and he answered yes—they went to the city to write for the papers.

Young man! when you go a courting, of an evening, take your hat and go home, as soon as the clock strikes ten.

A scapegrace remarked that the principal branch of education in his school was the birch branch.

When you are in Rome do as the Romans do—in Buffalo, do as the Buffaloes do.

Wit and Humor.

AN ANXIOUS FATHER.

P. T. Barnum relates the following:—The managers of railroads running west from Chicago pretty rigidly enforce a rule excluding from certain reserved cars all gentlemen travelling without ladies. As I do not smoke, I avoided the smoking cars; and as the ladies' car was sometimes more select and always more comfortable than the other cars, I tried various expedients to smuggle myself in. If I saw a lady about to enter the car alone, I followed closely, hoping thus to elude the vigilance of the brakeman, who generally acted as doorkeeper. But the car Cerberus is pretty well up to all such dodges, and I did not always succeed. On one occasion, seeing a young couple, evidently just married, and starting on a bridal tour, about to enter the car, I followed closely, but was stopped by the doorkeeper, who called out—

"How many gentlemen are with this lady?

In answer to the peremptory inquiry of the doorkeeper, the bridegroom promptly responded.

"I am this lady's husband."

"And I guess you can see by the resemblance between the lady and myself," said I to Cerberus, "that I am her father."

The astounded husband and the blushing bride were to much "taken aback" to deny their newly-discovered parent, but the brakeman said, as he permitted the young couple to pass into the car—

"We can't pass all creation with one lady."

"I hope you will not deprive me of the company of my child during the little time we can remain together," I said, with a demure countenance. The brakeman evidently sympathized with the fond "parient" whose feelings were sufficiently lacerated at losing his daughter through her finding a husband, and I was permitted to pass. I immediately apologized to the young bride and her husband, and told them who I was, and my reasons for the assumed paternity, and they enjoyed the joke so heartily that they called me "father" during our entire journey together.

A quaint writer says: "I have seen women so delicate that they were afraid to ride for fear of the horse running away, afraid to walk for fear the dew might fall, afraid to sail for fear the boat might upset; but I never saw one afraid to be married, which is more riskful than all the others put together."

Boston has a philanthropist who visits the prisons. Said he to a prisoner: "Most of your friends think your sentence was excessive; nothing like it was ever known." "Yes, I suppose so," was the prisoner's reply; but then, you know, everything has gone up since the war."

"Gentleman," (to boatman,) "You must often, I should think, get wet, do you not?" Artless boatman: "Yes, yer honor, we does, werry wet, werry wet, indeed; but I'm werry dry just now, yer honor."

Lady Montague, the famous wit, on being asked whether she would not have preferred to belong to the other sex, replied sternly in the negative, because in that case she would have been obliged to marry a woman.

"Did you know," said a cunning Gentile to a Jew, "that they hang Jews and Jackasses together in Portland?" "Indeed!" retorted Solomon, "den it ish vell dat you and I ish not dere."

"Did you ever see a lunar bow, miss?" said an astronomer to a bright-eyed girl, when talking of rainbows. "I have seen *beaux* by moonlight, sir, if that's what you mean," was the shy rejoinder.

When men break their hearts, remarks a cynical female writer, "it is the same as when a lobster breaks one of its claws—another sprouting out immediately in its place."

"My dear," asked a husband, on observing new striped hose on his only heir, "why have you made barber-poles of our Ernest's legs?" "Because he's a little shaver," was the reply.

"At what hour do you dine, my dear?" asked a lady of a little girl. "When papa comes home." "And when does your papa come home?" "Just before dinner, ma'am."

A story is told of a young man who was going out West to open a jewelry store. When asked what capital he had, he replied: "A crowbar."

A billet-doux did William send, to tell the love that burned him; but it was more like Billy, don't! the answer she returned him.

Have you a sister? Then love and cherish her. If you have not a sister of your own, then love somebody else's sister.

What is the difference between a pill and a hill? One is hard to get up, and the other is hard to get down.

What is the way to curb a wild young man? To bridal him.

THE DEAD SEA OF CALIFORNIA.

Mark Twain writes as follows to the Buffalo Express:—Mono Lake, or the Dead Sea of California, is one of her most extraordinary curiosities, but being situated in a very out-of-the-way corner of the country, and away up among the eternal snows of the Sierras, it is little known and very seldom visited. A mining excitement carried me there once, and I spent several months in its vicinity. It lies in a lifeless, treeless, hideous desert, 8,000 feet above the level of the sea, and is guarded by mountains 2,000 feet higher, whose summits are hidden always in the clouds. This solemn, silent, sailless sea—this lonely tenant of the loneliest spot on earth—is little graced with the picturesque. It is an unpretending expanse of grayish water, about a hundred miles in circumference, with two islands in its centre, mere upheavals of rent and scorched and blistered lava, snowed over with gray banks and drifts of pumice-stone and ashes, the winding sheet of the dead volcano, whose vast crater the lake had seized upon and occupied.

The lake is 200 feet deep, and its sluggish waters are so strong with alkali that if you only dip the most hopelessly soiled garment into them once or twice, and wring it out, it will be found as clean as if it had been through your ablest washerwoman's hands. While we camped there our laundry work was easy. We tied the week's washing astern of our boat, and sailed a quarter of a mile, and the job was complete, all to the wringing out. If we threw the water on our heads and gave them a rub or so, the white lather would pile up three inches high. This water is not good for bruised places and abrasions of the skin.

A man cannot drink the water of Mono Lake, for it is nearly pure lye.

There are no fish in Mono Lake—no frogs, no snakes,—nothing, in fact, that goes to make life desirable. Millions of wild ducks and seagulls swim about the surface, but no living thing exists *under* the surface, except a white, feathery sort of a worm, one-half an inch long, which looks like a bit of white thread frayed out at the sides. If you dip up a gallon of water, you will get about fifteen thousand of these. They give the water a sort of grayish-white appearance. Then there is a fly, which looks something like our house fly. These settle on the beach to eat the worms that wash ashore—and any time you can see there a belt of flies an inch deep and six feet wide, and this belt extends clear around the lake—a belt of flies one hundred miles long. If you throw a stone among them, they swarm up so thick that they look dense, like a cloud. You can hold them under water as long as you please—they don't mind it. When you let them go, they pop up to the surface as dry as a Patent Office report, and walk off as unconcernedly as if they had been educated especially with a view to affording instructive entertainment to man in that particular way. Providence leaves nothing to go by chance. All things have their uses and their proper place in Nature's economy. The ducks and gulls eat the flies—the flies eat the worms—the Indians eat the flies—the wild-cats eat the Indians—the white folks eat the wild-cats when the crops fail—and thus all things are lovely.

Mono Lake is 150 miles in a straight line from the ocean—and between it and the ocean are one or two ranges of mountains—yet thousands of seagulls go there every season to lay their eggs and rear their young. And in this connection let us observe another instance of Nature's wisdom. The islands in the lake being merely huge masses of lava, coated over with ashes and pumice-stone, and utterly innocent of vegetation or anything that would burn; and sea-gulls' eggs being entirely useless to anybody unless they be cooked, Nature has provided an unfailing spring of boiling water on the largest island, and you can put your eggs in there and in four minutes you can boil them hard. Within ten feet of the boiling spring is a spring of pure cold water, sweet and wholesome. So, in that island you get your board and washing free of charge—and if Nature had gone further and furnished a nice American hotel clerk who was crusty and disobliging, and didn't know anything about the time tables, or the railroad routes—or—anything—and was proud of it—I would not wish for a more desirable boarding-house.

Half a dozen little mountain brooks flow into Mono Lake, but not a stream of any kind flows out of it. It neither rises nor falls, apparently, and what it does with its surplus water, is a mystery. All the rivers of Nevada sink into the earth mysteriously after they have run a hundred miles or so—none of them flow to the sea, as is the fashion of rivers in all other lands.

There are only two seasons in the region round about Mono Lake, and these are the breaking up of one winter and the beginning of the next. More than once I have seen a perfectly blistering morning open up with the thermometer at ninety degrees at 8 o'clock, and seen the snow fall 14 inches deep and that same identical thermometer go down to forty-four degrees under shelter, before 9 o'clock at night. Under favorable circumstances it snows at least once in every month in the year, in the little town of Mono. So uncertain is the climate in summer that a lady who goes out visiting cannot hope to be prepared for all emergencies unless she takes her fan under one arm and her snow-shoes under the other.

Stockings darned by machinery are said to be darned nice.

The Middletown Transcript.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

SATURDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 11, 1869.

Congress—The Message—Departm't Reports

The second session of the 40th Congress commenced at Washington on Monday. A quorum was present in both Houses. Messrs. Sumner and Drake both brought in bills, on the first day of the session, to deprive the Supreme Court of the United States of the power to declare invalid any act or resolution of Congress. If these bills pass, the Judicial department of the Government will have been annihilated at a single stroke. The Constitution, the organic law of the land, seems to have no more power to restrain or control the action of this body, than if there was no such instrument. The will of Congress has become the supreme law of the land, and if this revolutionary body is not checked in its course, the whole structure of our government will be changed.

The first annual message of President Grant was communicated to both Houses on the first day of the session. It was in manuscript, the President having prudently kept it out of the hands of the printers, to prevent it from being stolen and published in all the daily papers before its delivery to Congress. The document is not as brief as we expected it would be, its volume being very respectable. It has been variously received and commented upon by the press, according to political bias, some indulging in fulsome, indiscriminate praise, others in censure. The message is a plain but comprehensive state paper, without any rhetorical pretension, just such an one, in this respect, as we expected from President Grant, who is a plain man, and unqualified, both by education and profession, for any very brilliant achievements in the field of literary composition. Its main features are, a recommendation of a return to specie payments, resumption of negotiations upon the Alabama claims, the construction of a canal across the isthmus of Darien, strict neutrality towards Cuba, the admission of Virginia and the rejection of Georgia, the continuation of the odious income tax, the payment of the whole public debt in coin, and the repeal of the obnoxious Tenure-of-office Act. This act, it will be remembered, was passed by the Radicals in Congress to put shackles upon the wrists of President Johnson, and the present wearer, feeling them chafing him sorely, cries out against the abrasion. The act will be repealed, and would never have been passed had enlightened statesmen instead of vindictive factionists held seats in the halls of Congress.

The message and accompanying documents from the several heads of departments embody a vast amount of information exhibiting the entire operations of the government in all its branches. Had we space we would like to spread these documents before our readers *in extenso*. But we must content ourselves with the briefest mention of them, knowing that most of our readers have access to them through the daily journals.

The report of the Postmaster General is an able state paper containing suggestions of several much needed reforms. Mr. Creswell urges Congress to abolish the franking privilege, which is exercised by more than 30,000 officials, at an expense to the country of $5,000,000. This done and the Post Office Department would be self-sustaining. The revenue for the fiscal year ending June 30th, was $18,344,510; the expenditures $23,698,131, showing a deficit of $5,353,921. The suggestion of the repeal of the franking privilege is a good one, but Congress will probably shrug its shoulders and leave things as they are. It will adjourn, it is believed, about the 17th, until some time in January.

It is stated that the Ways and Means Committee have agreed to report to Congress in favor of a reduction of $20,000,000 in the tariff. The duty on tea is to be reduced to 20 cents per pound, and on coffee to 4 cents. The duty on many articles used in manufacturing are to be abolished. They cannot be produced in this country, and to lay a duty on their importation is to tax home industry.

The reader will find an interesting biographical sketch of Dr. Voelcker, on the outside of this issue. We regret that we have to defer the conclusion of his interesting article until next week. Had we received it one day earlier it would have appeared with his biography in this paper.

"Scenes of Winter," from our Warwick contributor, are not quite up to our standard; but let him persevere, if he would succeed as a writer.

Our advertising columns are crowded to-day. Don't fail to read them attentively.

Hon. B. T. Biggs will please accept our thanks for public documents.

The Pension Bureau reports the death of the last Revolutionary pensioner, Daniel F. Bakeman.

FOR 1870.

The MIDDLETOWN TRANSCRIPT has had a steady increase of circulation from its commencement until now, but it desires to enlarge its field of operations for the ensuing year; for which purpose it will club with any of the agricultural or literary magazines that subscribers may prefer. It will also furnish a copy gratis to any one getting up a club of five. For a club of ten it will furnish, as a premium, any of the monthly magazines. It will also be furnished gratis to any intelligent correspondent who will furnish us regularly with the local news of his town or neighborhood. Regular correspondents are wanted in all the towns of Delaware and adjacent counties of Maryland. We desire to give utterance to the public sentiment and opinion of each neighborhood, upon all subjects of interest to them, and to make the TRANSCRIPT the record of the local incidents and occurrences of this entire section, both in Delaware and Maryland. We want the news of each locality. Whatever is the subject of common conversation (within the bounds of a proper discretion) is worthy of publication. Such things, for instance, as deaths, marriages, removals, purchases of houses or lands, new buildings or other improvements, accounts of crops, accidents, incidents, business changes, proceedings of religious or literary societies, or any other matters of public interest. Many persons have kindly corresponded with us in the past; we hope they will continue to do so, and more frequently. And, as "brevity is the soul of wit," let them write as briefly and tersely as possible, as it is our aim to give the greatest variety we can within the compass of our limits. In a word, we wish to send the TRANSCRIPT abroad among its patrons, "lively and gossiping, stored with the treasures of the tattling world, and with a spice of mirth too."

And now, in closing, permit us to say to our correspondents, get your pens and let us hear from you as often as your convenience will permit. And let us see, also, how many clubs of new subscribers can be raised between now and the first day of January.

"HOG AND HOMINY."—Marylanders are luxuriating, just now, over this peculiarly Maryland dish, and not a few Delawareans, also, we suspect, for the tastes and habits of the people of this peninsula are pretty much the same, whether living east or west of the line. We don't remember, now, whether Brantz Mayer enumerated "hog and hominy" in his very sprightly and entertaining article on "Maryland Morsels," published some years ago in Park Benjamin's paper, in Baltimore. If he did not, it was a great oversight, for it certainly deserves especial mention, as much so as "bacon and greens." or souced pig's feet, or diamond-backs, or canvass-backs, or spiced or pickled oysters, os roast stewed or fried, or turkey and celery with oyster filling and cranberry sauce, succeeded by the inimitable mince-pie.

Nowhere in the world do the people live better than they do upon this peninsula, where they enjoy every luxury that can be supplied from land or water. The late Rev. Thomas H. Stockton, who spent several years of his early ministerial life among them, said "they lived to eat,—they did not eat to live." Maryland biscuit, as they are called, are a specialty upon this peninsula, and no product of the culinary art can approach them for excellence. And sausage and hominy are no where manufactured, and seasoned and cooked so exquisitely as here. But we forbear to pursue the subject further, lest we set the mouths of all our readers to watering as they read. Besides, we have around us a community of generous feeders, who need no appetizer or stimulant, in the shape of glowing descriptions of the good things which crown their well-filled boards. The partakers of Delaware and Maryland hospitality (particularly at this time of the year,) will bear with them through life a lively recollection of these excellencies of the *cuisine*, and especially of "hog and hominy."

The Jews of the United States have petitioned Gen. Grant to intercede with the Emperor of Russia on behalf of their brethren, two thousand of whom he has lately banished on account of their religious faith. As Russia and the United States government are understood to be special friends, and are a good deal alike in their method of dealing with conquered people, the Czar ought to listen favorably to his friend Grant.

GOOD RUNNING.—The Easton Journal of Tuesday says—An express train from Clayton yesterday made the time from that station to Easton, in one hour and two minutes. The first twenty-four miles, to Greensborough, were made in 31 minutes. The locomotive Talbot, Engineer McKee, performed the feat.

An eminent physician says that the white rubber used for nursing bottles and infant's toys is very poisonous, causing sore mouth, skin eruption, decayed teeth, spinal curvature and death. In Europe the sale of it is prohibited by law.

DISEASED HOGS.—The St. Michaels *Comet* is informed that Mrs. Mary Rolle, who lives near that town, killed four hogs on Wednesday last, the flesh of three of them being full of small worms, countless in number.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

MIDDLETOWN ACADEMY.—The fall term of this Institution closed last Friday. The examinations during the last two and a half days showed a marked improvement of all the scholars in their studies, and gave better satisfaction to the Teachers than on any other occasion of the kind. The students who had pursued the study of Composition during the term gave a specimen of their first productions in the form of a written discussion last Friday, P. M. The question "Resolved that Intemperance causes more misery than War," was well sustained upon both sides, indeed so much so that it was quite difficult for the judges to decide it. It was however decided in favor of the affirmative. A good deal of interest was manifest during the entire examinations. Quite a number of visitors were present. In these reviews and examinations those students who do not manifest sufficient proficiency in the studies they have pursued during the term are required to make up their deficiency or go over the same studies again. There have been two spelling matches during the term. The victory on the first occasion was awarded to Miss Emma Merritt, and on the second to Miss Emma Jones. The following students have passed through the entire term without receiving a single mark of indecorum:—Laura Beasten, Mollie Blackiston, Emma Meritt, Katie Wilson, Laura Penington, Mollie Fleming, Emma Price, Mary Wood, Alice Wood, Harry Evans, Willie Penington, Clinton Walker and George Wilson.

New Castle County Court closed a three weeks term on Saturday last. The Grand and Petit Juries were discharged the previous day.

Wm. H. Edwards having filed a petition praying for a divorce from his wife; a number of witnesses were examined, and a decree of divorce granted.

The petition of Rebecca Cummins praying for a divorce from her husband, Alexander Cummins, was considered, and a number of witnesses examined.

Joshua Jones and Lewis Carpenter, two negro men, were sentenced on Friday of last week, to be hung on Friday the 4th of February, for the crime of rape, committed upon the person of Mrs. Mary Meredith, a white woman, living near Hare's Corner, in this county.

James Dougherty, for bigamy, was fined at the late term of New Castle County Court $2,000, and to be imprisoned one year.

THE LATE BANK ROBBERY.—It is believed that a clue has been discovered that will lead to a recovery of the stolen bonds, if not the capture of the burglars. Detective Taggart, of Philadelphia, was here on Tuesday, and expressed his confidence in being able to recover the bonds. On the morning of the robbery three suspicious looking men presented themselves to the Captain of a small shallop, at Delaware City, and offered him a liberal fee to set them across the river, but he refused. They then offered him a larger sum, but it did not suit his convenience to comply with their wishes, and they afterwards went on board the Reybold. It is believed these men were the parties who perpetrated the robbery, and were making their way towards Philadelphia. A reward of $5000 has been offered for the recovery of the bonds, and $1,500 for the burgalars.

SINGULAR FIRE.—A feather bed, and the bedstead on which it lay, were consumed by fire, on Wednesday night, in one of the chambers of the residence of Joshua B. Fenimore, Esq. of this town. The fire was discovered between eight and nine o'clock, before any of the family had retired, and no one hand been in the room during the evening. They are therefore at a loss to account for the origin of the fire, unless it was communicated from some matches kept under or about the bed for the purpose of striking a light in the morning to note the time for rising. It is possible these matches may have been ignited by the nibbling of mice, for we have known them to be ignited in that way.

A negro man was flogged at the whipping post, in New Castle, on Saturday week for an attempted outrage on a little girl; two negro men are shortly to be hung at the same place, for a brutal outrage on a white woman the mother of twelve children; and yet, another diabolical attempt at rape was made upon a young white girl by a negro man in Wilmington, on Tuesday night last, who was only prevented from accomplishing his purpose by her desperate struggles and cries of murder, which caused him to take to flight, lest he should be caught. The villain choked her until she was almost insensible.

The agent of the Home Mutual Life Insurance Company of Brooklyn, New York, paid last week, to Messrs. F. T. Perry and Thomas Cavender, administrators of Wm. Vandegrift, deceased, $10,000, the amount of a life insurance policy held by the deceased at the time of his death. The prompt payment of this policy within sixty days after the death of the insured, is a good card for the company. The same company paid promptly to the heirs of Ephraim Beasten, deceased, a year or two ago, a similar amount, upon a policy held by the deceased.

Mr. Edward P. Hipple, at Town Point, on the Bohemia river, Cecil county, Md. has a vineyard of 20 acres of as fine Concord grapes as can be seen anywhere in the United States. Mr. Hipple says that the section of country watered by the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries, is especially adapted to the cultivation of the grape, which seems "perfectly at home with us."

The beautiful residence of Hon. Hiram McCullough, at Bell Hill, near Elkton, Cecil county, Md. was consumed by fire on Tuesday afternoon last. Insured, but not to the full amount, in Elkton and Wilmington. The fire is said to have originated from a little black boy playing with matches, up the kitchen stairs.

On Tuesday night last, a coal oil lamp was upset in the store of Mr. Samuel W. Roberts. The oil ran out and the flames spread over the floor, but the fire was promptly extinguished. Too much caution cannot be observed in the use of this dangerous but useful article.

"Girls" is the subject of Miss Logan's lecture on Thursday evening next, a very interesting subject to the boys especially. She will arrive on a special train, not being able to reach here in time on the regular train. Doubtless a full house will greet her.

A buffalo robe was stolen from the carriage of Frank Eliason, son of Andrew Eliason, Esq. on Wednesday night last, while he was attending the Presbyterian Church, in this town. The robe has a hole in the middle of it, and is marked with Mr. Eliason's name, and may be readily identified.

The M. E. Sunday School, of this town, purpose having an exhibition on the 4th of January next, in the auditorium of the Town Hall. Music, dialogues and recitations, will constitute a portion of the attractions for the evening.

SNOW.—After nearly two days of rain, we were visited on Monday afternoon last, with a driving snow storm, which but for its melting somewhat as it fell, would have been four or five inches deep on a level.

The steam saw mill and sash door and frame manufactory of Mr. Wm. Huey, in this town, is busily engaged in filling orders, and in getting out material for a new store which Mr. Huey is putting up at Galena, Kent county, Md.

EDUCATION IN MIDDLETOWN.—There are 175 pupils in attendance at the different schools in this town, viz:—At the Academy 75; at the Public School 80; and about 20 at the school of Miss Roberts.

HONOR TO WHOM HONOR IS DUE.—Mr. Orme, the celebrated temperance lecturer, did not address the people of Middletown, on Friday night of last week, but Rev. Mr. Colclazer and Professor Wood did.

Don't fail to visit the exhibition at Drawyer's Church, Odessa, next Wednesday evening. A gentleman of this town, who was present at the former exhibition, says it is well worth seeing.

The friends of the proposed Railroad between Elkton and Massey's, will hold an adjourned meeting at Elkton, on Tuesday next, the 14th instant, at 12, M.

Francis Vincent, of Wilmington, formerly editor of the *Blue Hen's Chicken*, is about to publish a history of Delaware, upon which he has been engaged for sixteen years.

Mr. Wm. Boyd, an aged and respected citizen of Smyrna, died very suddenly last week, from the effects of a congestive chill.

It is said the cars on the Wilmington and Reading Railroad will be running from that city to Birdsboro' in about ten days.

The Directors appointed Mr. Jas. Morris of this town, watchman at the Bank, at their meeting on Tuesday last.

Correspondence of the Middletown Transcript.

TOWNSEND, Dec. 6, 1869.

MR. EDITOR:—As you have taken a lively interest in fruit growing and farming operations generally, I wish through your paper to call the attention of Peach Growers who ship their peaches to Philadelphia in baskets, to the very important fact that there never yet has been an arrangement with the Philadelphia commission men, as in New York, to sell the baskets with the peaches, and pay 25 cts. on the return of all baskets so sold; and the commission men, in turn, pay 25 cts. to the peach shipper for each basket not returned to him. Peach Growers who ship to Philadelphia, never have been able to arrange with the commission men there to return the baskets or pay for them, and therefore lose thousands of baskets, and have lost a very great number this year. Not, however, being a shipper to that miserably managed Philadelphia market, where peach baskets are given away (or the same thing) by their commission men, but being a neighbor to some peach growers who do ship to said market, I wish to inform them that about two weeks ago I was at Reading, and there saw peach baskets at every grocery store, oyster saloon, and at retailers of every kind of farm produce. On my way home, whilst waiting for the street cars at the North West corner of Thirteenth and Vine, I had the curiosity to count the number at the grocery store at said corner, and there was 52. There are thousands of peach baskets in Philadelphia and in the surrounding Pennsylvania towns, and I would suggest that if the peach growers who have shipped to Philadelphia would appoint a few shrewd, active men, to go to Philadelphia and other towns, and employ officers and search warrants if necessary, they can, in my opinion, collect from fifty to one hundred thousand baskets; and as you let these Philadelphia commission men give away your baskets, the above suggestion offers the only way left to you to get them back again. SAMUEL TOWNSEND.

Correspondence of the Middletown Transcript.

NEWARK Dec. 9, 1869.

The cold snap, with rain and snow, emphatically announces winter's arrival, and from the vim and furor of his inaugural we may expect but little mercy at his hands. A few sleighs with merry belles go dashing along, the young folks meaning to have and make the most of life. The protracted meeting conducted by the Methodist Society seems well attended, and from the numbers thronging the altar may prove beneficial to the community. Improvement is still rife, several new houses are to be built in the spring. Through the enterprise of our business men the town is well lighted nightly. The I. O. of O. F. propose increasing the size of their Hall to accommodate a Masonic Lodge. The College is now fully repaired and ready for inspection by the Trustees, who were to have met Dec. 1st. as per resolution of adjournment. Although we have neither a Gold Room nor Corn Exchange, the Bulls and Bears may be daily found on the street, discussing the cent per cent question. Call loans are easy at 6 per cent, prime discounts freely offered, few taken. Morals are easy, politics dull. The McFarland, Richardson, Beecher, Colfax, Greeley & Co. tragedy, nor Ulysses' billet doux have thus far disturbed the even tenor of our way. S.

THE SMYRNA TIMES says.—The teachers and pupils of Smyrna Seminary are now actively engaged in preparing Johnson's Oratorio—"The Festival of the Rose, or a day in Arcadia." It represents a festival among shepherds and shepherdesses, and is founded on a custom said to prevail in a certain village,—that of crowning the maiden who has, during the year, been found most dutiful to her parents, and most correct in her behavior. At its commencement is heard a distant fairy chorus, from the spirits who come to join those whom they know are sufficiently pure for their society. Next we hear the shepherds singing as they descend a mountain. The Nymphs enter and the festival commences. It is characterized by Solos, Recitations, Duetts, Semi-Choruses, and full Choruses. The singers will appear in costume—Fairies, Shepherds and Shepherdesses, Wood Nymphs, Naiads, Yankee pedler, Gypsies, Queen and attendants, Flora and attendants, the Sprites of the Seasons and the Months of the Year. The entertainment will be given in the Town Hall on the night of Wed. Dec. 22. From any thing we can learn it will be the finest musical entertainment ever given in Smyrna.

The expedition for surveying the route of the Darien ship canal will leave about the middle of Jauuary. It is estimated that it will not require more than two months to accomplish the object.

Twenty English boys from Lord Shaftesbury's Reform School have arrived at St. Louis, on their way to Kansas, where an English colony have established an Agricultural College at Wakefield.

The Milford *Mutual Friend* states that George Smithers, of Frederica, has raised a cabbage in his garden this year which measures 16 feet in circumference, and weighs over 30 pounds.

A petition signed by 29,748 citizens of Philadelphia, including 200 members of the Union League, asking the recognition of Cuba, has been taken to Washington for presentation to Congress.

James S. Peirce committed suicide by jumping off the suspension bridge at Niagara, into the rapids, yesterday. He was laboring under the effect of intemperance.

It is computed that the number of negroes in Louisiana is one-third less at the present time than prior to the war. This is a startling decrease.

The first mercantile vessel that passed through the Suez Canal has been wrecked in the Red Sea—the bark Noel, bound for Bombay.

The New York canals are practically closed for the season One hundred and fifteen loaded boats are frozen in above Albany.

A quail was shot in Indiana which was found to contain two distinct hearts.

ITEMS OF NEWS.

A valuable portion of the town of Centreville, Queen Ann's county, Maryland, is claimed by a colored man, the heir of Jacob Hambleton, who once owned considerable property in the town. Some years ago two colored men owned the ground in common, and the Sheriff sold the whole of it for the debts of one of the owners. The claimant alleges that he is the heir of the other proprietor and that half the land legally now belongs to him.

The new Commercial Exchange building, situated at the corner of Second and Walnut streets, Philadelphia, costing $250,000, was burned on Tuesday afternoon. The fire originated from the falling of the large chandelier in the upper hall, the escaping gas igniting and rapidly involving the entire building in flames.

A freight train ran into a passenger train standing at Manor station, on the Pennsylvania Central Railroad, resulting in the smashing of three coaches and two freight cars, the killing of a brakeman, mortal injury to a passenger named Henry McKim, and slightly wounding of several others.

The Central Pacific Railroad Company has completely rebuilt the snow sheds which were burned near Cisco, and has considerably extended the shedding beyond the old limits. The aggregate shedding is about thirty-five miles in length, and protects the road through the deep snows west of the Sierras.

Among the petitions to Congress will be one for the incorporation of the Industrial Exhibition Company, who propose to hold an international exhibition in Washington in 1871.

General Prim reports to the Cortes that since the commencement of the Cuban rebellion fourteen war vessels and forty thousand troops have been sent from Spain to Cuba.

A traveling collector, named Charles H. Rogers, was found murdered Sunday morning four miles from Richmond, Va. He had been shot dead in his buggy and robbed.

The claims of the colored soldiers' heirs are extremely embarrassing to the government, as sometimes four or five women will appear, all claiming to be widows of the same husband.

George Wright, one of the Red Stockings, has been offered $10,000 to play base ball for Chicago next year, but he wants more.

Philadelphia has built this yaar 5,323 new buildings. Chicago has built 2,500.

Special attention is in invited to the Dry Goods advertisement of Messrs. Strawbridge & Clothier, Eighth and Market streets, Philadelphia. Goods in their line at greatly reduced prices. Purchasers will do well to call.

DIED.

On Bohemia Manor, Md. Dec. 6, 1869, Emily Kirk, daughter of George and Mary Kirk, in the 15th year of her age.

THE MARKETS.

MIDDLETOWN MARKET.

CORRECTED WEEKLY BY A. T. BRADLEY.

Wheat, prime	$1 20
Corn, yellow, new,	75
" white "	70
Oats, new	50
Timothy Seed	5 50
Clover Seed	10 00
Eggs	30@35 cts ₱ doz
Butter	45@50 cts. ₱ lb
Lard	23@25 " "
Chickens (dressed)	14@15 " "
Turkeys	16@18 " "
Ducks	14@16 " "
Geese	12@14 " "
Hams	25@27 " "
Sides	24@25 " "
Shoulders	21@22 " "
Pork, (dressed)	10@12
Potatoes	45@ 50 ₱ bushel.
Potatoes, New	50@60 ₱ "

PHILADELPHIA.

Prime new red wheat	$1 30@1 32
Corn, new yellow	87@91
Oats (Pennsylvania)	60
Cloverseed	$7 00
Timothy	$3 73

WILMINGTON.

Wheat, prime	$1 25@1 30
Corn, New,	85@86
Oats	60
Flour	$6 25@9 25

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF

CHRISTMAS GOODS

Has just been received at

The Religious Book & Tract Repository,

821 MARKET STREET,

Wilmington, Del.

☞ CALL, EXAMINE AND PURCHASE. ☜

Dec. 11—4t.

NOTICE.

THE undersigned having purchased from the heirs of M. J. Haines the unexpired Patent for Grian Drill, known as "Kuhn's & Haines'," Haines & Wood," or 'Wood's Drill," has made several important improvements in it, viz:—A Cast Iron Bottom,—Front Feet of Box Hinged, so as to be independent of the Frame,—Combined open Metalic Spouts, for distributing the Phosphate and Grain together, &c. &c. and secured the same by Letters Patent, dated November 30, 1869, have combined with my celebrated

PHOSPHATE SOWER,

With its Movable Cast Iron Bottom, adjusted by sett screws, &c. also secured to me by Letters Patent, dated Oct. 27, 1868, and confirmed July 10, 1869, by a decision of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia.

As there has been over 100 of these machines introduced and used in this neighborhood, within the last two years, with entire satisfaction, I am enabled to offer to the public my improved

DELAWARE PHOSPHATE DRILL

As a first class machine, with a full guarantee of good workmanship and satisfactory performance. I would also notify all persons that I shall prosecute any infringement upon any of the improvements secured to me by either of the above Letters Patent.

W. N. HAMILTON, M. D.

Dec. 11, 1869—tf. Odessa, Del.

NOTICE.

THE undersigned would inform the public that he has opened a Lager Beer Saloon and Boarding House, in Middletown, in the house back of Mrs. Ryan's residence. Philadelphia Lager Beer, Fried Lunch, &c. always on hand. House comfortable and convenient.

Dec. 11—3t* FREDERICK HEFFNER.

ZEPHYRS and German own Wool's for knitting Shawls, Nubias and Afghans also stocking and knitting Yarns.

Samples sent by mail, and goods sent by Express, to any part of the country. Sold at retail at the WAVERLY MILLS 1024 Lombard Street,

Dec. 11—3mos **Philadelphia, Pa.**

W. M. Kennard, 304 and 306 Market St. Wilmington, has now offering his entire line of foreign and domestic Carpets at a great reduction in prices, goods that have been selling up to this time at $1.25, will now be sold at $1.00. Best quality Lowell Extra Superfine, price everywhere $1.50, will now be sold at $1.30 and $1.35, according to style, the quality the same. English Tapestry, Brussels and American Tapestry at very low rates. This is a bonafide sale and the goods will be offered at the above rates. Many other goods at greatly reduced prices.

S. W. Roberts, at his old stand, in Middletown, has added to his stock, this year, two new Stoves which have never been in the market before, viz:—the Parlor Light and the Novelty Parlor Cook, the demand for both of which has been greater than the supply, and both stoves have given the fullest satisfaction to all who have used them. Call and examine them.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

INGRAM & GIBSON'S PRICE CURRENT.

Eggs	30cts.	Lard	20cts.
Butter	45.	Hogs	11.
Chickens, dressed	14.	Hogs, alive	10.
Ducks "	14.	Potatoes, round	45.
Turkeys "	16.	Feathers	65.
Geese "	12.	Honey	20.

Beans $2.00.

The above prices will be paid in cash for produce delivered in good order; and we wish to say that we keep constantly on hand a good assortment of Groceries and Provisions which we will sell reasonably for cash, at the Corner of Broad and Anderson Streets, Middletown, Del.

☞ Fresh Meat every day.

March 20—tf INGRAM & GIBSON.

COUGHS AND COLDS.—At the present time when so many persons are suffering from Throat and Lung Diseases, they should bear in mind that HASSON'S COMPOUND SYRUP OF TAR never fails in curing Coughs, Colds, Hoarseness, Pain in the Breast, Sore Throat, Asthma and all diseases of the Throat and Lungs. It is an excellent remedy for Croup and Hooping Cough. No family should be without it. Sold in Middletown at Dr. W. H. Barr's Drug Store, for 50 cents a bottle. Russell & Landis, Proprietors, Philadelphia.

Nov. 20—3mos.

FINE READY MADE CLOTHING.

228 MARKET STREET, 2nd Door below THIRD

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE.

THE LARGEST ASSORTMENT OF

Ready Made Clothing in Delaware,

Our Own Make, now on hand, and will be sold at less than Philadelphia Prices.

All our Clothing is made in Superior manner by

PRACTICAL TAILORS.

The Proprietor having an experience of over thirty years in this Business, will guarantee satisfaction to any purchaser.

A full line of

FINE CLOTHS,

CASSIMERES, and

VESTINGS,

Constantly on hand for

ORDER WORK,

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☞ LATEST STYLE AND BEST MANNER,

At No. 228 Market Street,

☞ The Oldest Established Clothing Emporium in Delaware.

March16—y **Edward Moore**

PUBLIC LECTURE!!!

AT

Middletown Hall,

On Thursday Evening, Dec. 16, 1869.

FOR THE

BENEFIT of the PUBLIC SCHOOL.

No Postponement on Account of the Weather.

Amusement & Instruction Combined.

MISS OLIVE LOGAN.

The Star Lecturer of the Age!

Second to None!

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Dec. 11, 1869—1t.

GRAND FAIR.

Middletown, Delaware.

A Grand Fair for the sale of useful and fancy articles will be held in the

Middletown Hall,

Commencing Thursday Afternoon, Dec. 23d, 1869, *and closing on the 28th,*

At which time will be sold by chance and otherwise a variety of articles consisting of Carriages, Harness, Wolf and Buffalo Robes, Whips, Afghans, Lap Blankets, Elegant Horse Blankets, Ladies' Saddles and Bridles, Gent's Saddles and Bridles, Suits of Cottage Furniture, Children's Bureaus, French China Tea Setts, Dining Setts, Magnificent Vases, Statuary, Glass Ware, Children's China Setts, Silver Ware, Plated Ware, Trunks, Ladies and Gentlemens Hand Satchels, Tourists Satchels and Straps, Organs and Musical Instruments, Sewing Machines, Books and Stationery, Stoves and Hollow Ware, India Rubber Goods, Gentlemen's Flock Waterproof Over Coats, House Furnishing Goods, Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods, Perfumery and Toilet Articles, Ladies and Gentlemens Jewelry, and an elegant collection of Masonic Jewels and Regalias, all of which will be sold at regular rates. An

ELEGANT RESTAURANT

AND

Confectionery Department

Will be open during the Fair, at which meals and refreshments will be furnished at reasonable rates. The best order will be preserved, and no violations of the Rules will be tolerated. There will also be a Coat Room opened where Ladies and Gentlemen can deposit their wrappings for a small consideration.

Season Ticket 50 Cents.

Dec. 11—3t.

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it is believed, is unsurpassed in America, and being bought for cash during the late great depression in business, we guarantee the prices to be the lowest of the day.

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At this advanced stage of the season we find it necessary to make very great reductions in the prices of Dress Goods, Silks and Shawls, and prefer placing them in the hands of our customers at *very low prices* than carry them until next season.

GOOD STYLE DELAINES, -	18c.
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Dec. 11—6m

GRAND

Stereopticon Dissolving View

EXHIBITION,

For one Night Only,

TO BE GIVEN AT

Drawyers Church, Odessa, Del.

On Wednesday Evening, Dec. 15, 1869, *at 7½ o'clock,*

For the Benefit of the Sunday School Library.

THESE Views embrace a series of Beautifully Colored Pictures, representing scenes from the Old and New Testaments, Photographs of various places in the Holy Land, showing the ruins of once famous and prosperous cities; also Photographic Representations of places and objects in the Old World, such as Palaces and Churches in the cities of Europe. With some beautiful Views of Alpine Scenery, together with a choice selection of Scenes in our own Land, including the beautiful Photograph of the Falls of Niagara.

In addition to these will be given choice pieces of STATUARY, so perfect as to appear almost in relief upon the canvass. A Similar Exhibition was given in the above church, on the 19th ulto. by the same gentleman (Prof. Willard,) which was so satisfactory to all who witnessed it, that we can assure the public, that as an Exhibition of Beautiful Dissolving Views they are unsurpassed in this country. And as the best Views of the former Exhibition will be selected, together with a full assortment of other Views quite as beautiful and interesting as those formerly exhibited, we can confidently promise those who wish to see a first class and really beautiful Exhibition, that by attending they will be more than gratified.

Admission 50 cents—Children half price,

Dec. 11, 1869—1t.

PUBLIC SALE

OF

REAL ESTATE.

THE subscriber will sell at Public Sale at the Hotel of O. H. Hill, in the village of Blackbird, on Thursday,

Dec. 23d, 1869, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

The following tract of land situated in Appoquinimink Hundred, New Castle County, Del. on the road leading from the Blackbird and Price's Corner road to the Smyrna and Sassafras road, with in one and a half mile from Blackbird station and one mile from Sassafras station on the Del. R. R. adjoining lands of Sheriff Richardson and S. J. Hill, and

Containing Fifteen Acres,

more or less, with a Log House thereon. There are 800 Peach Trees, six years old, on this land from which has been sold from the last two crops Eleven Hundred Dollars worth of peaches.

This land is nicely situated and might be made a No. 1 truck farm. Any one wishing to purchase the farm will be shown it by R. Ferguson, at Blackbird. The Conditions will be easy, and made known on day of sale.

JOSEPH WATSON,

Dec. 11—ts Pennington, N. J.

ELECTION.

New Castle County National Bank of Odessa, Dec, 8th, 1869.

The Stockholders annual Election for nine Directors, to serve for one year will be held in the banking-house on Tuesday, January 11, 1870, between the hours of 1 and 3 o'clock, P. M.

Dec. 11—3t, J. L. GIBSON, Cashier.

WANTED.

A good girl to wait upon the table and act as chambermaid, at the Middletown Hotel.

Dec. 11—tf. J. H. WALKER.

Select Poetry.

THE SEA.

I love the sea, the stormy sea,
Where billows break, and winds blow free,
I love—I love the boiling foam,
The daring sailor's darling home.

I love the tide, the rolling tide,
Where big "white horses" madly ride,
While loud the piping breezes sing,
And gray gulls dip a wandering wing.

I love, oh, how I love the view
Which distance lends enchantment to!
I love the sea—as I said before—
But I love it most as it's seen from shore!

Our Olio.

ADVICE TO YOUNG MEN.

A lady, who signs herself "A Martyr to Late Hours," offers the following sensible suggestions to young men:

Dear gentlemen, between the ages of "eighteen and forty-five," listen to a few words of gratuitous remarks. When you make a social call of an evening, on a young lady, go away at a reasonable hour. Say you come at 8 o'clock, an hour and a half is certainly as long as the most fascinating of you in conversation can or rather ought, to desire to use his charms. Two hours, indeed, can be very pleasantly spent with music, chess, or other games, to lend variety; but, kind sirs, by no means stay longer. Make short calls and come oftener. A girl—that is a sensible, true-hearted girl—will enjoy it better, and really value your acquaintance more. Just conceive the agony of a girl who, well knowing the feelings of a father and mother upon the subject, hears the clock strike ten, and yet must sit on the edge of her chair, in mortal terror lest papa should put his oft repeated threat into execution—that of coming down and inviting the gentleman to breakfast. And we girls understand it all by experience, and know what it is to dread the prognostic of displeasure. In such cases a sigh of relief generally accompanies the closing of the door behind the gallant, and one don't get over the feelings of trouble till safe in the arms of Morpheus. Even then, sometimes the dreams are troubled with some phantom of an angry father and distressed (for all parties) mother; and all because a young man will make a longer call than he ought to.

Now, young gentlemen friends, I'll tell you what we girls will do. For an hour and a half we will be most irresistably charming and fascinating; then, beware, monosyllable responses will be all you need expect. And if, when the limits shall have been passed, a startling query shall be heard coming down stairs: "Isn't it time to close up?" you must consider it a righteous punishment, and, taking your hat, meekly depart—a sadder, and, it is to be hoped, a wiser man. Do not get angry; but the next time you come, be careful to keep within bounds. We want to rise early these pleasant mornings, and improve the "shining hours;" but when forced to be up at such unreasonable hours at night, exhausted nature will speak, and, as a natural consequence, with the utmost speed in dressing, we can barely get down to breakfast in time to escape a reprimand from papa, who don't believe in beaux—as though he never was young—and a mild, reproving glance from mama, who understands a little better poor daughter's feelings, but still must disapprove outwardly, to keep up appearances. And now, young men, think about these things, and don't—for pity's sake, don't—throw down your paper with a "pshaw!" but remember the safe side of ten.

FATE OF THE APOSTLES.—Matthew is supposed to have suffered martyrdom, or was slain in the city of Ethiopia.

Mark was dragged though the streets in Alexandria in Egypt, till he expired.

Luke was hanged to an olive tree in Greece.

John was put in a boiling cauldron at Rome, but escaped death. He died a natural death at Ephesus, in Asia.

James, the great, was beheaded at Jerusalem.

James, the less, was thrown from a pinnacle, and beaten to death.

Philip was beheaded.

Bartholomew was skinned alive.

Andrew was crucified and pounded while dying.

Thomas was run through with a lance.

Simon was crucified.

Matthias was stoned.

Barnabas was stoned to death.

Paul was beheaded by the tyrant Nero at Rome.

CALIFORNIA FARMS.—A correspondent writes:—The Californian invites an Eastern visitor: "Come down to San Mateo and spend a week with me." "Have you a ranch there?" "Yes, a little place." "What do you call a little place?" "Well, 20,000 acres"—or 30,000, or 40,000, as the case may be. Everybody seems to have a little place. The other evening I met Colonel Beal. "Have you a little place, too?" I asked. "Yes, 225,000 acres on my home ranch, and 25,000 more in Northern California!" That "home ranch," if it were a square tract, would be 19 miles across. It is one-third as large as the state of Rhode Island, There are other men who own 300,000 acres apiece.

CONUNDRUMS.—Why is the camel the most irascible animal in the world? Ans.—Because he always has his back up.

Why are young ladies, at the breaking up of a party, like arrows? Ans.—Because they can't go off without the beaux, and are in a quiver until they get them.

What is the difference between a man and a chicken? Ans.—Man has his eternity in the next world, and chickens have their necks twirled in this.

Why is the sun like a good loaf? Ans.—Because it is not light until it rises.

Jenkins is not going to do anything more in conundrums. He recently asked his wife the difference between his head and a hogshead, and she said there was none.

Delaware Rail Road Lnie

Summer Arrangement.

ON and after MONDAY, July 12th, 1868, Passenger Trains will run as follows, until further notice:

ALL TRAINS SUNDAYS EXCEPTED.

	NORTH.		
Leave Crisfield,		7 00	A. M.
" Marion,		7 40	
" Kingston,		8 05	
" Westover,		8 30	
" Prin. Anne,		9 10	
" Eden		9 40	
" Forktown		10 00	
" Salisbury		10 30	
" Delmar		10 45	
" Laurel		11 05	
" Seaford		11 30	
" Bridgeville		11 50	
" Greenwood		12 00	M.
" Farmington		12 15	P. M.
" Harrington	7 00 A. M.	12 35	
" Felton	7 15	12 50	
" Plymouth	7 20	1 00	
" Canterbury	7 20	1 00	
" Wil. Grove	7 25	1 05	
" Camden	7 35	1 15	
" Dover	7 50	1 30	
" Moorton	8 05	1 45	
" Brenford	8 10	1 55	
" Smyrna	8 05	1 50	
" Clayton	8 20	2 05	
" Sassafras R'd	8 25	2 10	
" Blackbird	8 35	2 20	
" Townsend	8 40	2 30	
" Middleto'n	9 00	2 45	
" Mt Pleasant	9 10	2 55	
" St Georges	9 25	3 10	
" Bear	9 35	3 25	
" New Castle	9 55	3 45	
Arrive Wilm.	10 15	4 05	
" Philad'a	11 45 A. M.	5 40	P.M.
" Baltimore	1 15 P. M.	8 10	"

	SOUTH.		
Leave Philad'a	8 30	A. M. 5 00	P.M.
" Baltimore	7 25	2 25	
" Wilm	10 10	6 25	
" New Castle	10 30	6 45	
" Bear	10 50	7 00	
" St Georges	11 00	7 15	
" Mt Pleasant	11 15	7 30	
" Middletown,	11 35	7 50	
" Townsend	11 45	8 00	
" Blackbird	11 50	8 05	
" Sassafras	12 00	M. 8 15	
" Clayton	12 05	P.M. 8 20	
Arrive Smyrna	12 15	8 30	
Leave Brenford	12 10	8 25	
" Moorton	12 20	8 35	
" Dover	12 40	8 55	
" Camden	12 50	9 05	
" Wil. Grove	1 05	9 15	
" Canterbury	1 10	9 20	
" Plymouth	1 10	9 20	
" Felton	1 20	9 30	
" Harrington	1 40	9 45	P. M.
" Farmington	1 55		
" Greenwood	2 05		
" Bridgeville	2 15		
" Seaford	2 35		
" Laurel	2 55		
" Delmar	3 10		
" Salisbury	3 45		
" Forktown	4 10		
" Eden	4 30		
" Prin. Anne	5 15		
" Westover	5 40		
" Kingston	6 00		
" Marion	6 20		
Arrive Crisfield	6 45	P. M.	

Freight Train with Passenger Car attached, will leave Stations named at the following Changed Hours, (subject to delays incident to freight business,) viz:—Going South, leave Wilmington about 3 00 A. M.; New Castle, 4 00; Middletown, 6 00; Clayton, 7 15; Dover, 8 50; Camden, 9 10; Felton, 10 05; and be due at Harrington 10 30 A. M.

Going North, leave Harrington about 3 20 P. M. Felton, 4 00 Camden, 5 05, Dover, 5 45, Moorton, 6 10, Clayton, 7 00, Middletown, 8 45, New Castle, 10 30, and be due at Wilmington, about 11 00 P. M. This train will stop to take up Passengers only at Stations named, but will set down Passengers at any regular stopping place between Harrington and Wilmington, *Except* Hare's Corner, State Road, Del. Junction and Dupont.

NEW CASTLE TRAINS.—Leave New Castle for Wilmington and Philadelphia at 7 40 A. M.—Leave Philadelphia 11 45 A. M., and Wilmington 1 00 P. M. for New Castle.

SMYRNA BRANCH TRAINS.—Additional to those above leave Smyrna for Clayton 11 45 A. M. and 8 10 P. M. Leave Clayton for Smyrna, 8 40 A. M. and 2.10 P. M. to make connection with trains to and from Dover, and Stations South.

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IN MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

North East Corner of Lake and Broad Streets.

THE undersigned wishes to inform his friends and the public at large, that he has commenced the Baking Business in all its departments, and will keep constantly on hand,

Bread, Cakes, Crackers, Pies, Candy,

And will supply Weddings, and Parties, with all sorts of Cakes at short notice.

He has engaged a first class Baker to attend to the business.

He will also continue the Painting Business in all its Branches. FRANCIS TARONI.
March 6, 1869—tf

PATENT CLOTHES HORSES, an indispensible household article, for sale at ROTHWELL'S
June 19—tf Main St. Middletown, Del.

OLD NEWSPAPERS, a cheap and convenient Wrapping Paper, for sale at this office.

THE GREAT FERTILIZER

WHANN'S

RAW BONE SUPER PHOSPHATE

STANDARD GUARANTEED

200 lbs.

MANUFACTURED BY

WALTON, WHANN & Co.

WILMINGTON, DEL.

DEPOTS:

203 WEST FRONT ST. WILMINGTON
22 SOUTH WHARVES, PHILADA
69½ S. CHARLES STREET, BALTIMORE
13 FAIRFAX ST. ALEXANDRIA

PROMPT,
ACTIVE,
RELIABLE,

A Great Crop Producer and Thorough Renovator of worn out lands.

For Sale by **E. T. EVANS,**
Middletown, Del.

Middletown, Del. Feb. 28, 1868.

MESSRS. WALTON, WHANN & Co.—*Gentlemen*: I used Whann's Raw Bone Super-Phosphate on my corn last spring, and on my wheat in the fall. In each case it produced an excellent crop. Wishing to determine which of the different phosphates would pay me best, I tried several, and am glad to say the yield was much the best where I used Whann's. I shall continue to use it, and cheerfully recommend it to my neighbors.
A. T. STOOPS.

Middletown, Del. March 17, 1868.

MESSRS. WALTON, WHANN & Co.—*Gentlemen*: I have been using Whann's Phosphate for some time past alongside of the popular fertilizers, and have come to the conclusion it is as good as any other. I am going to use ten tons this spring.
Yours truly, HENRY CLAYTON.
March 27—1y

MIDDLETOWN STOVE HOUSE.

S. W. ROBERTS,

TAKES pleasure in announcing to his friends of Middletown and surrounding country, that the liberal patronge he has received has induced him to offer to the public the greatest variety, and best selected stock of Stoves, both Cooking and Heating, ever offered in Middletown, and at prices that cannot fail to please. Among the assortment are the following

COOK STOVES.

NIAGARA, PARLOR COOK, MONITOR
CORAL COOK, WM. PENN, LEHIGH,
and others made in the city.

PARLOR STOVES.

BRILLIANT, DEW DROP,
GAS BURNING BASE, UNION AIR TIGHT
PARLOR LIGHT, OUR PARLOR.
Also, SEXTON'S PARLOR HEATERS.

Stoves of all kinds suitable for Stores, Offices, Bar-rooms, and School Houses.

Also, the Morning Glory and the Oriental, both unsurpassed in beauty and efficiency. They can be seen in operation at the store of the proprietor.

All sizes of Bar-room Stoves and Ten-plate Stoves repaired at short notice.

Old Stoves taken in exchange.

☞ TIN WARE at wholesale and retail. ☜

As I have practical workmen employed, I think I can give satisfaction to all who favor me with their work. Particular attention paid to Roofing and Spouting.

S. W. ROBERTS.
Middletown, January 4, 1868—1y

READ, READ, READ.

THE undersigned, thankful for past favors, calls the attention of the Farmers to the following. Intending to devote his whole attention to the

GRAIN BUSINESS,

Will pay, on order of Messrs. William Lea & Sons, at Brandywine Mills, or Elihu Jefferson, New Castle, Del. the highest price for all Grain delivered on Del. R. R. or Del. waters, the parties themselves being responsible for the payment for all grain bought on their account.

Will fill all orders for RAMBO'S and WHITE'S LIME with promptness. Also, will pay particular attention to shipping grain for farmers on their own account, making prompt return of sales, and collecting the money for them.

Will fill all orders for the following Fertilizers:

Moro Philips' Super-Phosphate,

RHODES' SUPER-PHOSPHATE,

BAUGHS' RAW BONE SUPER-PHOSPHATE,

ELLIS' SUPER-PHOSPHATE,

PACIFIC & PERUVIAN GUANOS.

Also will furnish Clover and Timothy Seed at the shortest notice.

Can give the best references as to ability.

A. T. BRADLEY,
July 3—1y Middletown, Del.

BRAND-NEW

Cigar and Tobacco Store!!

IN MIDDLETOWN.

THE undersigned takes this method to inform his friends of Middletown and vicinity, that he has opened a

CIGAR ANB TOBACCO STORE,

On Main Street, one door east of the National Hotel, Middletown, Delaware, where Smokers and Chewers can always be accommodated with Cigars and Tobacco, of a superior quality, and at very low prices.

☞ Call in and try our selections.

Having procured a first-class segar maker he has begun the manufacturing of segars, and is prepared to supply the trade at city prices.

JOHN T. HAYES,
June 5—6mo. Middletown, Del.

DRAIN TILE.

WITH Improved Machinery and New Dies, we are now prepared to furnish at the shortest notice.

DRAIN TILE,

(Round with Collars and Egg-shaped with sole) from Two to Seven Inches Calibre, superior to any in the market. Also

BRANCH JOINTS Y SHAPED & SILT BASINS,

As recommended by "Waring" in his Work on Underdraining. We also manufacture

Bricks and Earthenware,

☞ Liberal discount made to Dealers.

Please address for price, &c.

ALVAN ALLEN, } ALLEN & BELL,
W. M. BELL. } Smyrna, Delaware.
May 15—1y

LUMBER. LUMBER.

THE subscribers offer to the citizens of Middletown and surrounding country their thanks for the very liberal patronage they have received and embrace this medium in announcing to all builders and contractors and those in want o Lumber, that they are prepared to supply them on the most liberal terms. We have reduced our price, as the market has demanded, and we think that they will compare with the city prices. Our stock is very large, embracing a full assortment of

SPRUCE,
HEMLOCK,
AND OAK FRAMING STUFF,

ALL SIZES.

WHITE PINE BOARDS,
HEMLOCK "
OAK PLANK,
WHITE PINE DO.
WHITE PINE SIDING.
YELLOW PINE FLOORING,
HEMLOCK "
PLASTERING LATHES.
SPRUCE AND CYPRESS SHINGLES
PLAIN AND FANCY PICKETING.
SASH, DOORS AND BLINDS.

Building Hardware,

☞ NAILS AND SPECIALITIES. ☜

BRICKS,
CALCINE PLASTER, LIME & HAIR

HEWES' PHOSPHATE.

PAINTS, OIL, TURPENTINE,
VARNISH, DRY JAPAN, GLASS.

J. B. FENIMORE & CO.,

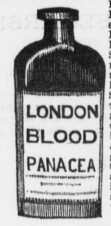
On the Railroad, above the National Hotel.
January 25—tf

PURIFY YOUR BLOOD!

LONDON

BLOOD PANACEA.

The Great Alterative and Blood Purifier.



For the cure of SCROFULA or KING'S EVIL, CUTANEOUS DISEASES, ERYSIPELAS, BOILS, PIMPLES, and BLOTCHES on the FACE, SORE EYES, YELLOW JAUNDICE, WHITE SWELLINGS, MERCURIAL DISEASES, GENERAL DEBILITY, PALPITATION and FLUTTERING at the HEART, CONSUMPTION, ASTHMA, SYPHILIS and SYPHILITIC AFFECTIONS, BLADDER and KIDNEY DISEASES, GRAVEL, DROPSY, DISPEPSIA, LIVER COMPLAINT, SICK HEADACHE, FEMALE COMPLAINTS, &c. To the broken down female it gives life and energy by restoring the lost powers of nature. Persons all weakness and lassitude, by using the PANACEA are soon restored to perfect health, bloom and vigor. Try it.

Price $1.00 Per Bottle.

S. A. FOUTZ,

Manufacturer and Proprietor,

BALTIMORE, MD.

For sale by druggists and storekeepers throughout the United States.

For sale by **W. H. Barr,**
May 8—1y Middletown, Del.

ENGEL, ROTHERMEL & CO.

SHIPPERS AND DEALERS IN

COAL

Schuylkill Navigation Wharves, Windmill Island, Delaware River, opposite Lombard Street,

PHILADELPHIA.

OFFICES, 108 Walnut St. 308 S. Del. Avenue.

COAL supplied in vessels, in large or small quantities, or lots to suit purchasers.
April 10, 1869—9m

BOOTS AND SHOES.

JAMES H. COLLINS

Announces to the public that he is still engaged in manufacturing Boots and Shoes, at the

Cor. of Broad & Lake Sts. Middletown,

Nearly opposite the Academy.

Special attention given to Repairing, and all work finished with neatness and despatch.

☞ Ready-made Work always on hand. Give him a call.
sept 25—tf

ATTEND TO YOUR TEETH.

FEW persons are properly impressed with the importance of giving early attention to decaying teeth. The health is often affected by them, to say nothing of the inconvenience and suffering, which they produce. It is important to have all caries promptly arrested. If treated in time most teeth may be preserved.

Teeth Extracted Without Pain,

by the use of Nitrous Oxide Gas, a harmless and pleasant anesthetic.

J. J. VANDERFORD, D. D. S.
May 9-tf Middletown, Del.

FOR SALE.

100,000 Healthy Peach Trees,

OF CHOICE VARIETIES.

☞ *Send For Price Lists, &c.*

E. R. COCHRAN,
Middletow, Del.
sept. 18—6m*

PEACH TREES.

A splendid lot of Peach Trees raised from Carolina

NATURAL FRUIT SEED

Of the best market varieties. Also all other kinds Nursery stock at

WAWASET NURSERIES.

EDWARD TATNAL,
aug. 21—3m Wilmington, Del.

J. STEWART DEPUY.

253 *South Second Street, above Spruce,*

PHILADELPHIA,

NOW offers an unusual assortment of *CARPETS, OIL CLOTHS, WINDOW SHADES, MATTINGS, &c, &c.* at very reduced prices, to his friends and the public.
Aug 28—3m

BOWER'S COMPLETE MANURE,

MANUFACTURED BY

HENRY BOWER, CHEMIST

PHILADELPHIA.

MADE FROM

Super-Phosphate of Lime, Ammonia and Potash,

WARRANTED FREE FROM ADULTERATION.

THIS Manure contains all the elements to produce large crops of all kinds, and is highly recommended by all who have used it, also by distinguished Chemists who have, by analysis, tested its qualities.

Packed in bags of 200 pounds each,
DIXON, SHARPLESS & CO.
AGENTS,
39 South Water and 40 South Delaware Avenue,
PHILADELPHIA.

For sale by WM. REYNOLDS,
79 South Street,
BALTIMORE, MD.

Also by JOHN A. REYNOLDS & SONS,
MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

And by dealers generally throughout the country.

For information, address Henry Bower, Philadelphia. Jan. 9, 1869—1y.

MIDDLETOWN HOTEL.

J. H. WALKER,

Proprietor.

HAVING succeeded Mr. L. R. Davis, in the proprietorship of this well known, long established, and popular establishment, the present proprietor will spare no pains to insure the comfort of his guests, and make his house, as hereto fore, the favorite resort of the traveling public. A well filled larder, a well furnished table; comfortable and airy apartments; the choicest brands of Liquors, Cigars, and Tobacco; with a determination to render the fullest satisfaction, combined with attentive waiters, reliable hostlers, and moderate charges, will, he feels assured, secure to him a continuance of the liberal patronage heretore bestowed upon the establishment.

Accommodation for Drovers and Dealers in Horses and Mules can always be secured. A liberal share of the public patronage is respectfully solicited. JOSEPH H. WALKER,
Oct. 17—1y Successor to L. R. Davis.

DR. J. J. VANDERFORD,

Graduate of the Pennsylvania College of

DENTAL SURGERY,

HAVING located in Middletown, Del. respectfully announces to the public that he is prepared to perform all operations pertaining to the practice of

DENTISTRY.

ARTIFICIAL TEETH Mounted on Dental Vulcanite, a material superior to metals in its adaptability and durability.

Persons having badly adjusted gold plates can have them exchanged for the Vulcanite.

Great care will be given to Children's Teeth; irregularties corrected, and deciduous teeth preserved until the permanent ones make their appearance.

☞ A superior Dentifrice constantly on hand
Office on the corner of Scott and Main streets, formerly occupied by D. L. Dunning.
April 10, 1869—1y

WINE AND LIQUOR STORE, Middletown, Delaware.

THE undersigned takes this method of notifying the Public that he has opened a

WINE AND LIQUOR STORE

In Middletown, Del. on Wood street, opposite the Depot, where he has on hand a large and varied assortment of Wines and Liquors, in bottles and casks, which he offers on advantageous terms to purchasers at wholesale or retail.

☞ Also, a fine stock of choice TOBACCO AND CIGARS. THOMAS MURRAY.

LIVERY STABLE.

HORSES AND CARRIAGES for hire at the Stables of Thomas Murray, on Scott street. The horses are safe, and careful drivers will be provided when desired. Terms moderate. Apply to THOS. MURRAY,
Jan. 2.—y. At his Store on Wood St.

Middletown Furniture Warerooms.

JOSEPH H. ENOS

KEEPS constantly on hand an assortment of FURNITURE suitable to the market, consisting of

COTTAGE SUITS,

BEDSTEADS, CHAIRS, WASHSTANDS,

Parlor and Dining Room Furniture, &c.

ALSO

FURNISHING UNDERTAKER.

COFFINS of all kinds and styles; Metallic Caskets; Patent Burial Cases to order. Jan. 4—tf

MANSION HOUSE HOTEL,

North West Corner Fayette & St. Paul Sts.

OPPOSITE BARNUM'S CITY HOTEL,

BALTIMORE.

Isaac Alberston ..... Proprietor.

☞ This is one of the most pleasant and central locations in the city.
January 4, 1868—1y

☞ WHOOPING COUGH ☜

CURED BY

DELAVEAU'S CELEBRATED REMEDY.

☞ Price Fifty Cents.

Prepared at Sixth and Wood Sts. Philadelphia.

Ask your Druggist for it.
Mar. 6—1y

MIDDLETOWN IRON FOUNDRY

AND

MACHINE SHOP.

PLOWS and Plow Castings, Machine Castings of all kinds on hand or made to order.

Particular attention given to Repairing Machinery. Cash for old Iron.

WM. L. BUCKE & SON,
April 4-tf Founders and Machinists.

NOTICE!

W. J. LANK, Auctioneer, has removed to New Castle, Del. Those desiring his services as Auctioneer, will please address him at that place, and their orders will meet with prompt attention.
April 3, 1869—tf

WEDDING RINGS,

No. 352 SOUTH EIGHTH STREET,

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.
March 6—tf

$1140 How I made it in six months. Secret and sample mailed free.
Oct. 9—3m A. J. FULLAM, N. Y.